



**Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital
DONATION OPPORTUNITIES
FY 2010**

There is a certain satisfaction which comes from giving unselfishly so that others' lives might be happier. Here at the Bedford VA Hospital, contributions by donors have been invaluable in perpetuating the high quality of care to which our patients are entitled.

With the structure of today's economy and increasing demands on time, it is especially important to remember the hospitalized veterans at this facility. Information has been provided on the following pages regarding some of the special needs and interests of our patients.

All monetary and tangible donations should be coordinated through the Voluntary Service Office. Tangible donations, in particular, need to be coordinated in advance.

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Bedford, MA 01730
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Also, if you would like more information on any of the donation suggestions listed, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to meet with individuals or groups to discuss current patient needs.

Checks should be made payable to "Bedford VA Hospital" for all monetary donations. Please specify the account you wish to support in the lower left-hand corner of the check and/or in an attached note. Voluntary Service will acknowledge your donation in writing. **Please include any special instructions for acknowledgement at the time of donation. Memorial donations will be acknowledged to the donor and the next of kin.**

Donors help to make it possible for our hospitalized veterans to enjoy a better quality of life by supporting the numerous patient care programs provided at this VA Hospital. Thank you for your concern and interest for our patients at Bedford.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH DOOLEY
Chief, Voluntary Service



EDITH NOURSE ROGERS MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL PATIENT WISH LIST

*** GENERAL NEEDS ***

- Full sized fleece blankets, lap robes, bibs, wheelchair bags
- **NEW** board games (chess sets, checkers, UNO, cribbage), **NEW** playing cards, **NEW** jigsaw puzzles (large size pieces), automatic card shuffler
- Envelopes (stamped), writing paper, notebooks, pens, craft supplies
- Canteen Coupon Books; these are available for purchase in \$1.00 denominations at the Veterans Canteen Service. Call ahead to arrange for purchase 781-687-2413. Checks payable to: Veterans Canteen Service.
- Books on CD, paperback books, magazines dated within the past 6 months; **No hardcover books, please!**
- CD/Radio players, portable CD players, music
- Men's clothing (Large, XL, & XXL); **NEW** Sweatpants/Sweatshirt outfits. Suitcases or large carry all/overnight bags for veterans who are being discharged. Please check with the Clothing Room (781-687-2397) for prior approval of donation of these items.
- 30 or 60 minute telephone calling cards

*** PERSONAL COMFORT ITEMS ***

- Generic:** Deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, denture cleaner, body wash, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, powder
- Men:** Electric razors (rechargeable, **(NEW ONLY)**), electric pre-shave lotion, aftershave lotion, shaving cream **NEW** clothing; white socks, underwear, sweaters, cotton sweatshirts, washable slippers, sneakers with velcro laces
- Women:** Cosmetic bags, cosmetics, lipsticks, hand and body lotion, hair dryers, hair brushes, **NEW** clothing; knee socks, underwear, washable sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts jogging or warm up suits, washable slippers

*** SEASONAL ITEMS ***

- **Fall/Winter items** – Both men and women; winter jackets, fleece jackets, winter hats, gloves, scarves sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, (large, extra large and XX large sizes)
- **Spring/Summer items** – Both men and women; spring jackets/windbreakers, jeans, trousers (Dockers), baseball hats, belts, colored T-shirts, Polo Shirts, walking shorts, sneakers

PLEASE NO TRAVEL SIZE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

*** SPECIAL NEEDS ***

On occasion, patient wards will send requests for special needs for their areas. These may include requests for TV's, stereos, portable CD Players, adapted equipment and the like. Feel free to contact the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) office to inquire about any special needs.

*** VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS ***

Our local VAVS Committee undertakes special projects on a regular basis. They have provided a low floor recreational vehicle "Mini-Train", special Hospital beds, a Health Information Kiosk, Wheelchair Bus and Satellite Bedside Radio Program for our hospitalized veterans.

Please contact Voluntary Service to inquire about the Committee's current project. The Committee will also be sponsoring a group of Veterans to participate in the VA's Golden Age Games which is conducted in the summer of every year.

For information on any of our VA Voluntary Service programs or projects please contact: Linda Mitchell (781-687-2352), Deborah Murchie (781-687-2422), Sarah Kelly (781-687-3076) or Joe Dooley (781-687-3074) in the Voluntary Service office.

DONATED PATIENT ACCOUNTS

- (9001) **DONATED GENERAL PURPOSE:** This fund, through a variety of means, provides for the general comfort, health and well being of patients. Donations to the General Post Fund allow us the greatest flexibility in fulfilling patient's needs.
- (9003) **NATIONAL REHABILITATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** This fund will be used for travel expenses, lodging, and meals for veterans attending any of the following events: National Veterans Golden Age Games, National Veterans Wheelchair Games, National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
- (9006) **RECREATION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:** Numerous supplies and accessories are needed for Recreation Service special events and therapeutic on-ward activities. The fund also provides general equipment to patients such as card tables, board games, etc. for their diversional enjoyment.
- (9007) **CHAPEL RENOVATION:** Contributions are continually needed in order to enhance the beauty and sanctity of the Chapel.
- (9015) **WOMEN VETERANS:** Donations support goods for events which honor the special contributions made by women veterans. In addition, the funds sponsor holiday distributions and helps meet women veterans' special needs.
- (9016) **GREENHOUSE/VETERANS COMPUTER CENTER:** Patients in the horticulture program cultivate plants from seedlings and learn greenhouse techniques. The

Veterans Computer Center provides training in the use of a computer, internet skills and refurbishes equipment for the use by veterans throughout the facility. Funds are used to maintain these excellent programs.

- (9017) PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY:** Funds provide toothbrushes and other dental hygiene items for patients.

- (9019) HOMELESS VETERANS DOMICILIARY:** This fund supports patient initiatives on the Homeless Veterans Domiciliary. Monthly community dinners, MBTA passes for job interviews and basic subsistence items can be purchased for homeless veterans hospitalized on the Domiciliary through donations to this fund.

- (9021) VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE CENTER (VCCC):** The VCCC in Lowell, MA provides an alternative to hospitalization for many geriatric and psychiatric patients. Funds are needed to support a variety of excellent recreational programs as well as occupational and vocational therapy activities.

- (9028) PATIENT WELFARE:** This fund assists patients with special needs that "normal" donation channels are not able to accommodate. Social Work Service carefully screens applicants to ensure that funds are issued to those veterans truly in need.

- (9031) CABLE/SATELLITE TV FUND:** This fund will be used to provide cable or satellite TV access to as many inpatient veterans as possible at this facility.

- (9045) 62ABN ALZHEIMER'S UNIT:** Funds used to provide veterans on this unit personal comfort items, recreational parties and for the general benefit of the veterans on this unit (i.e. food for a party, live entertainment, etc.).

- (9046) 62CDN ALZHEIMER'S UNIT:** Funds used to provide veterans on this unit personal comfort items, recreational parties and for the general benefit of the veterans on this unit (i.e. food for a party, live entertainment, etc.).

- (9056) OIF/OEF:** This account is used to provide Information/Welcome packages to returning Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans and their family members. The information packet would contain information about the VA Hospital and may contain items such as phone cards, gift certificates to local businesses (i.e. McDonald's or Friendly's restaurants) and other items to make their transition to civilian life easier.

Remember, in order to avoid duplication, Contact Joe Dooley at (781) 687-3074 prior to committing funds for any VA donation.

WISH LIST ADDENDUM

WARD 4A/B WISH LIST (Community Living Center)

Contact Person: Leah.Sullivan2@va.gov 781-687-3237

1. **Monthly Party on Ward**
Potential Times: 4th Friday or any Thursday, Saturday or Sunday at 2:00 p.m. for one hour.
Need: Entertainment, Music, Magic, Comedy, or other
2. **Monthly Happy Hour Program**
Potential times: 1 Sunday per month at 2:00pm
Need: Entertainment
Even Bigger Need: Volunteers spending one-on-one time with veterans to assist with programming and socializing.
3. **Garden Group**
Potential Times: summer, TBA
Need: Someone with an interest and knowledge of horticulture; assist with residents who are interested and to maintain victory garden.
4. **Cooking Group**
Time: 4th Wednesday at 2:00 pm
Need: Various food items to cook, assistance with residents
5. **Trips to Canteen and Campus Store**
Time: Weekly, Mornings 9:00am – 12:00pm
Need: Assistance
6. **1 on 1 Visit**
Potential Times: Any
Need: Work with residents writing letters, bring residents outside, to the Canteen, or playing games.
7. **Items Needed:**
 - A. *Whisper Glide* rocker for wheel chairs
 - B. Plants during the summer months
 - C. CD/Radios with music
 - D. Wii Fit
 - E. Country western music
 - F. Hospital grade coffee pot for programming 12-24 cups

WARD 4C/D WISH LIST (Community Living Center)

1. **1 on 1 Visit**
Potential Times: any
Need: work with residents writing letters, going outside, going to the Canteen, playing games, painting nails, reading, playing cards, checkers, going to the library etc.
2. **Monthly Party**
Potential Times: Monday or Friday afternoons
Need: entertainment, musical or other, ice cream or other food items depending on the holiday
3. **Trips**
Time: 1st and 4th Wednesday 11am-4pm or 1-4pm
Need: assistance with residents who need it
4. **Ladies Club**
Time: 2nd, 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month
Need: pleasant conversation, doing residents nails, no fear of breaking out into spontaneous singing
5. **Bingo**
Potential Times: Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30pm
Need: 1-6 volunteers to assist residents with cards
6. **Monthly Happy Hour Program**
Potential Times: 1 Sunday per month at 3:00pm
Need: Refreshments
Even Bigger Need: entertainment
7. **Garden Group**
Potential Times: summer, TBA
Need: someone with an interest and knowledge of horticulture; assistance with residents who need it
8. **Assistance during the month decorating the unit**
9. **Assistance at quarterly special themed meals**
10. **Entertainment, entertainment, entertainment. You have a special talent or hobby that you are willing to teach to our residents, please contact us to make an appointment.**
11. **Financial support for monthly musical entertainment, dance performances, magic programs, comedians, educational animal programs.**
12. **Monthly birthday cards and/or presents for the residents born that month; something to make their day special.**
13. **4CD needs 10-12 personal CD players. We have had numerous residents come in that want activities to do on their free time, and often this involves listening to music. If a group donates some please consider 4CD.**

ITEMS FOR USE IN ALL 4 BLDG. UNITS

CD players

Books on CD

Large print books (westerns, WWII, Reader's Digest, etc.)

Large print word searches and crossword puzzles

Garden equipment – hanging baskets, etc

Board games

Craft supplies – construction paper, markers, felt posters, wooden projects (larger scale is easiest)

Holiday decorations (must be flame retardant)

Picture frames to frame veterans family pictures all sizes, no glass

Someone/Group to provide a birthday present/card to those with a birthday each month

Someone/Group to sponsor a variety of entertainment on the units (music, animals, magicians, comedians, dancers)

One on one volunteers to read to residents, play cards, take outside, or escort to different locations throughout the hospital

A group or person to help sponsor a quarterly themed meal; which includes a monetary donation for the caterer and help with serving the food to our patients.

WARD 2B WISH LIST (Community Living Center)

Contact Person: Gina.Bazzari@va.gov 781-687-2717

1. **Garden Group**
Potential times: summer, any mornings
Need: assistance with residents, interest in horticulture
2. **Monthly Music**
Potential Times: any afternoon
Need: entertainment, ice cream
3. **Birthday Party**
Potential Times: any afternoon
Need: Assistance getting residents to group; 1 on 1 help for residents who need it, entertainment, ice cream and cake
4. **1 on 1 Visit**
Potential Times: any morning
Need: visit to the canteen in the mornings
5. **Games**
Time: any time
Need: play cards, cribbage and checkers
6. **Pet Therapy**
Time: Flexible Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
Need: pets (Please note: ALL pets must be cleared through Pet Therapy Program.
Contact: Glen Hevy 781-687-3053
7. **Decorations (must be fire retardant)**
Potential Time: any
Need: suggestions, wreaths, table clothes, and center pieces for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, spring and/or Patriotic theme
8. **Special Luncheons**
Potential time: 2-3 times a year dates variable
Need: Sponsor program and volunteers to help serve food to the veterans
9. **Other items needed:**
 - Sweatpants and Sweatshirts
 - Picture frames for family photos (no glass)
 - Single bed patriotic or dark colored men's comforters (twin bed size)
 - Wii controls with games
 - Music CD's of the 40's or 50's
 - FM radio with head phones
 - Gift cards; Christmas Tree Shop, Michael's, AC Moore's

WARD 78C WISH LIST (Geriatric Evaluation)

Contact Person: Felicia.Hall3@va.gov – Recreation Therapist 781-687-3043

1. 1 on 1 Visits

Time: Any

Need: Take residents outside for some fresh air, etc.

2. Monthly Parties

Times: 1 afternoon per month, any day except the 2nd Thursday

Need: Entertainment

3. Birthday Party

Potential time: Flexible on the time, 1x per month except 2nd Thursday

Need: Ice cream and cake; 1 on 1 help for residents who need it

4. Pet Therapy

Potential time: Volunteer to visit 1 to 3 times a month on the Unit

Need: pets (Please note: ALL pets must be cleared through Pet Therapy Program.

Contact: Glen Hevy 781-687-3053

5. Items Needed:

1. DVD movies (newer releases)
2. 3-5 small radios for bedside with a DVD, AM/FM radio, clock function
3. Large cork bulletin board for 78C so residents can see current events and pictures from trips on display
4. 1 or 2 card shufflers (battery operated)
5. 9V, AA, AAA, DC batteries for radios and card shufflers
6. Books on CD (westerns, action stories)

WARD 78G WISH LIST (Mental Health)

Contact Person: Doreen.Perry@va.gov - Nurse Manager 781-687-3235

1. **Pizza Party**
Potential Times: 2nd Friday at 2:00pm
Need: Pizza
2. **Movie Night**
Potential Times: TBA
Need: popcorn, chips, soda
3. **Game Night**
Times: TBA
Need: interest in playing table games or running tournaments; 1 on 1 help for residents who need it
4. **Items Needed:**
Board games and puzzles
Art projects including painting and sketch kits without sharp objects

WARD 6B WISH LIST (Mental Health)

Contact Person: Linda.Forester@va.gov 781-687-2049

1. Holiday Event Sponsor

Potential Time: July 4, Veterans Day and Holiday Season

Need: Sponsor a meal to be held on the Unit

2. Super Bowl Party Sponsor

Potential Time: Super Bowl Sunday

Need: Refreshments

3. Monthly Birthday Party Sponsor

Potential Time: flexible

Need: cake and ice cream

4. Items needed:

Gift Cards to Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, CVS

Restaurant Gift Cards for a monthly lunch group

Department Store Gift Cards (10-20) during the holiday season so veterans can shop

Gift Cards for Ladies to have manicures or pedicures

Wireless sound system

Stop & Shop Gift Cards for pie making/cooking group and need ingredients

Board Games

Picture frames without glass

Framed American Flag

OEF Drop in Center WISH LIST

OEF/OIF

Contact Person: Brenda.Kline@va.gov 781-687-5680

Items Needed:

DVD Player- **Must be Hospital Grade**

Wii Gaming System

4 Controllers

Wii Fit with sporting equipment for the games

Radio System with CD player

New unopened puzzles

NEW unopened Board games; Checkers, Chess, Cribbage boards, Parcheesi, Sorry, UNO, Phase 10

Cases of Bottled water

Snacks

Large print crossword puzzles, word search, Sudoku books

WARD 62AB and 62CD WISH LIST

(Alzheimer's Units)

Contact Person: Nancy.Rothstein@va.gov 781-687-3362

1. **1 on 1 visit:**
Potential Time: any
Need: work with residents going outside, going to the Canteen, playing games, cards, going to the library, putting on music CD's in resident's rooms, rosary group, reading, etc.
2. **Ladies Lunch/Tea:**
Potential Time: flexible
Need: pleasant conversation, "girl talk" etc.
3. **Men's Group:**
Potential Time: Flexible
Need: good conversation, watch/discuss football, "guy" talk" etc.
4. **Special Musical Events:**
Potential Time: Flexible
Need: Christmas caroling, any special visits from music groups. Residents respond to and are able to recognize men and women in military uniforms.
5. **Items Needed:**
Throw away cameras
Portable CD players
Electric Razors
Quilts for beds (twin size)
Mobiles (for bed residents)
Snuggles
Crayola Crayons-thick ones
Magic markers
Color Paper
Large picture books- Pictures of flowers, cars sports etc
Arts and craft projects
Glue sticks
Poster boards
Theme-plates, cups, napkins, and table cloths
Balls-all sizes
Mittens
Hats
Winter jackets-size large, xl, and xxl
Sweat pants all sizes, but most xl, xxl,